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**Subject:** Certain comments on some proposed Microsoft remedies

The proposed solution to the monopoly that MS holds in the software industry, i.e., to allow them to engage in advertising (distributing their products in the schools) as a remedy is ... at best unjust. This is rewarding them with the opportunity to practice further predatory merchandizing.

The proposed oversight committee is heavily stacked in favor of Microsoft, and really only has the power to require that it be allowed to look at Microsoft longer than it otherwise would if it finds that they haven't changed their business practices.

Either or both of these, if adopted as legal remedies, would ... the legal system of the United States has been increasingly regarded as ineffectual against large organizations with a lot of money. If these decisions are adopted, then the matter would be settled beyond any reasonable doubt. I know that legally this shouldn't matter, but if I felt that the matter was being handled in accordance with justice then I wouldn't feel that I needed to write.

Note: I feel considerably more strongly about this than this letter may indicate, but a desire to be inoffensive has caused me to censor much of the content. I wish that I were more eloquent about this case, but rage tends to cause one to be incoherent.

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